

ing New Year. So to close the year's work I wish all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.
L. O. HUBBARD.

Program for the Elkhart Co., Union Meeting,
to be held at New Paris, Ind., Jan.
6 and 7, 1900

SATURDAY, 10:30 A. M., JAN. 6.

Devotional Service, Dwight Leedy.
"Serving Others", Alpha Malcolm.
Bible reading, prayer, G. W. Rench.
Miscellaneous business.

1:30 P. M.

Devotional service, Ida Simmons.
Bible reading, "Conversation," G. W. Rench.

"Our own church; what can we do for her." Chas. Dunmier.

"Charity," Carrie Caton.

Report of churches.

Query box. Collection.

All topics subject to discussion.

7 P. M., communion service.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7.

9:30 A. M. Sunday-school.

10:30 Sermon, A. R. Bemenderfer.

7 P. M. Sermon, A. S. Menaugh.

When Paul heard the cry from Macedonia he went. So brethren and sisters come to our Union Meeting and help the cause of Christ along.

EZRA LEEDY, Pres.,
Naomi Wilson, Sec.

Gleanings from the Wayside

With a heart of thankfulness to our Father in heaven we bring our gleanings to the dear EVANGELIST that others may know that we are not idle, we are home laying up for repairs after a two weeks conflict at Lapaz, Ind. The meeting was short, the weather was bad, and the La gripp seized us in the beginning of the meeting which was some what against our efforts, but notwithstanding all the Lord blessed the work in bringing five souls in to the fold. The church is much encouraged and the outlook good for more in the future. We held thanksgiving service. The President's proclamation read by sister T. J. Burns, prayer by Rev. Slusser of the United Brethren church. Collection taken for benevolent purposes. A good meeting in general. We called a business meeting for general church work, the office of deacon was vacant thru the death of Brother Rothenberger. The church decided to call a brother to that office, after reading the scripture bearing on the qualifications and earnest petitions to God to direct the minds in making the selection. With a degree of solemnity the ballot was cast. The lot fell on brother Enos Bechtel who like Moses felt the great responsibility of the office, but after the brethren said they would stand by him he accepted the task, now brethren carry out your promise. Sister Bechtel not being present the ordination service was postponed until the evening when they were duly inducted into their official standing. May the Lord bless and help them in their work.

We were reminded that there was yet a

balance due on the church house of some years standing. In a few moments arrangements were made to lift the debt, then we sang heartily "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." During our meeting we took up an offering for state missions resulting in six dollars and thirty cent collection. We made our home during the meeting with the Longacre family which have our thanks for their kindness.

WM. M. SUMMERS.
North Manchester, Ind.

Oregon

Seeing nothing from the little church here in Oregon I will say we held an enjoyable communion on the 28th of October with its communicants. It was a spiritual upbuilding to many of us. We not having opportunity to commemorate the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and Master for several years can say amen to what Brother Talley says in last EVANGELIST in regard to discussion on doctrine and other subjects. I would often give my paper to others to read, but can not while there is so much contention among the leading ministers of the church. May the church prosper and flourish wherever it has laid its foundation and may the grace of God be in their midst is the prayer of your unworthy sister.

ANNA GRUBB.

Two Weeks at Pony Creek, Kans.

On Nov. 11, I landed in Brown county, Kansas. I came there to assist the pastor, J. H. Burnworth, and his people in a few weeks of what we have been in the habit of calling a revival meeting. The pastor will report the meeting. I will say something about the churches. In Richardson county, Nebr., and Brown county, Kans., just adjoining, the Brethren have and own five church buildings. One in Falls City, Nebr., and one at Silver Creek about 3 miles north of Falls City, one at Bethany, Kansas, one at Pony Creek and one at Hamlin. Falls City and Hamlin are in the towns, the others in the country. The membership in these different places is above the average in our denomination, I think. They live in a good country, are industrious, intelligent and highly religious. Brother J. H. Burnworth is pastor at Pony Creek and Bethany, Brother McFaden at Hamlin and Brother Braker at Falls City and Silver Creek.

The conditions prevail in the west that exist in Illinois and even in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland. In our church as well as other denominations, the ministry of the Brethren church has something yet to learn. We are learning it, (this is not as elegant an expression as it might be, but it expresses the thought thoroughly,) we are learning in and thru much "fear and trembling." The relation between pastor and people is not what I think it ought to be, over our entire brotherhood. There is not enough oneness. There is a lack of definite understanding between pastor and laity. The laity has some things to learn too. They will learn them. They too will obtain the

teaching "in much fear and trembling."

These unpleasant conditions are not so prominent at Pony Creek as elsewhere in my travels during the year. The mutual agreement, oneness and spiritual activity manifested here are certainly commendable. A more attentive and receptive people is hard to find. A people given less to "ear tickling" I never spoke to. Their inquisitive faces were a constant inspiration to me, and the many encouraging words given by the members and friends made us feel that our work was not entirely in vain. Brother Burnworth has a strong hold upon the young people of the entire community. This is conspicuously manifested in that he is successful in getting the young people, members and non-members to occupy front seats, near the organ and chorister. This was the second meeting we conducted for Brother Burnworth, and our long and familiar acquaintanceship gives us much confidence in him.

Brother Braker of Falls City came to Pony Creek and assisted in the communion services, and we slept under the same roof that night and exchanged experiences in the evening and morning. We had a pleasant season of worship and we hope profitable one too while away. May the Lord bless the Pony Creek church and give her a mighty power for good.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

Millersburg, Ia.

I will try to let the churches hear from us once a month, tho at present we have nothing beside the regular course of events to note. I have two points of meetings, preach every Sunday at one o'clock and alternately at the other. The young people have K. C. every Sunday night. Our meetings are nearly all well attended.

We were made glad to welcome brother Ross J. Miller among us again, who has lately returned from California, having been gone about six years. He stayed out there until he married a wife. They got here just when the K. C. wanted a new president, as brother Robert Kniffer, our former president, is going to Des Moines to school, and Brother Miller takes his place. His wife gave us a piece of her intelligence already by writing an essay on Thanksgiving and reading it in the K. C. society, which was appreciated.

Last Sunday night I made an appeal for famine stricken India, collected \$8.57.

I intend to do all I can in the next few weeks to get subscribers for the EVANGELIST. Our field is small but it must be plowed as well as the large ones.

A word to brother P. J. Brown and we will close.

Dear brother, if we did not see alike some years ago on the creed subject, here is my hand on the pasover, and the church here has always held your view or you have our's. Thank the Lord.

JOHN A. MYERS.

Flora, Indiana

As the immediate result of a two and one-half weeks meeting held at this place, by Rev. J. M. Fox, four were added to the